

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Application of:

J. Eric Lauritzen

Serial No.: 09/726,796

Confirmation No.: 569

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For: APPARATUS FOR

PREVENTING EROSION OF

WELLBORE COMPONENTS

AND METHOD OF FABRICATING SAME

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Group Art Unit: 1724

Examiner:

Robert J. Popovics

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION DATED JANUARY 28, 2003

In response to the Office Action dated January 28, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on February 28, 2003, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although Applicant believes that no fee is due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/WEAT/0072/WBP, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated January 28, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on February 28, 2003. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.